



SAFE PADDLING IN ONTARIO'S LAKE COUNTRY

SAFETY TIPS: Paddling conditions on the rivers, inland lakes and Georgian Bay are affected by natural processes, the seasons and continual change. This publication provides general information only and should not be regarded as a detailed guide of actual conditions you might encounter. Please remember that canoeing, kayaking and standup paddle boarding can be dangerous activities.

Since weather conditions can change quickly, make sure to bring appropriate clothing for dry and wet weather.

By law canoes and kayaks must be equipped with the following:

- Personal Flotation Device (PFD) or life jacket for everyone on board
- Buoyant throw line at least 15m (50ft) long
- Spare paddle, bailer or manual water pump
- Sound signaling device

* Safety gear can be rented or purchased from local outfitters.

LITTER & FIRES: Please help preserve the natural beauty of these areas. Use established campsites only, put litter in proper receptacles and keep fires small and in approved areas. Take home what you bring in.

PRIVATE PROPERTY: There is private property along the shores of many of the listed routes. Please pull off on public shoreline or designated access points.

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